

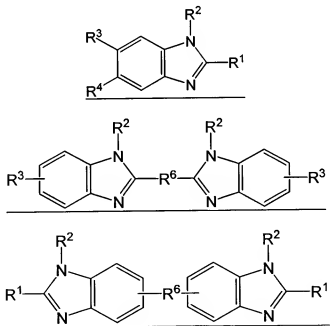
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

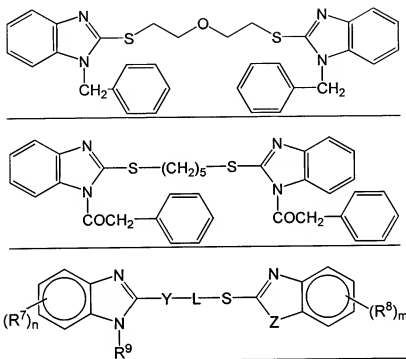
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended): A liposome containing as membrane components (i) an active ingredient of a medicament for prophylactic and/or therapeutic treatment of a vascular disease caused by abnormal proliferation of vascular smooth muscle cells, (ii) a phosphatidylcholine, and (iii) a phosphatidylserine,

wherein the active ingredient comprises a benzimidazole derivative ~~having suppressing action on foaming of macrophages~~ represented by at least one of the following formulas:





wherein

R^1 represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, an aryl group, a mercapto group, an alkylthio group, an alkenylthio group, an arylthio group or a heterocyclo group;

R^2 represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group, provided that the alkyl group is not substituted by a hydroxyl group;

R^3 and R^4 each independently represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a nitro group, R^5O- , R^5CONH- , R^5NHCO- , $(R^5)_2NCO-$, R^5SO_2NH- , R^5NHSO_2- , R^5OCO- , R^5COO- or $R^5NHCONH-$ where R^5 represents an alkyl group or an aryl group;

R^6 represents a divalent group;

Y represents a single bond or a sulfur atom;

Z represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, or N-R¹⁰;

R⁷ and R⁸ independently represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, or an alkyl group;

R⁹ and R¹⁰ independently represent a hydrogen atom, a alkyl group, or an acyl group;

n and m independently represent an integer of 1, 2, or 3; and

L represents a linking group such as a C₂₋₁₂ alkylene group or an alkylene group containing one or more phenylene groups or ether groups, and

the molar ratio of the phosphatidylcholine to the phosphatidylserine is about 1:1.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently amended): The liposome according to Claim 1, which contains as a membrane component a phosphoric acid dialkyl ester ~~as being~~ which is a diester of an alkyl containing 6 or more carbon atoms.

5. (Original): A medicament for prophylactic and/or therapeutic treatment of a vascular disease caused by abnormal proliferation of vascular smooth muscle cells, which comprises the liposome according to Claim 1.

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6. (Original): The medicament according to Claim 5, which is for prophylactic and/or therapeutic treatment of arteriosclerosis.